

As a journalist, I understand the goals media corporations and ultimately, these goals fund my paycheck every week. However, I am truly apalled that we are actually considering changing a regulation which both my lessons in journalism school and my experience as an American citizen have taught me are supposed to stand as a pillar to uphold democracy in our communities.

Not only is it the responsibility of our government under the Constitution to allow for free speech, but it is the democratic duty of our government to do all it can to foster discussion in whatever form it may take. This is true especially in a nation where voter turn-outs are shockingly low and mass media conglomerates control most of the media we consume.

A government which truly seeks to serve democracy should do all it can to keep the avenues of communication as open and diverse as possible by maintaining the regulations limiting media ownership in local markets.